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SUBJECT: AFGHAN MEDIA PROJECT - BU TUTORIAL COURSE
REF: GEFTER/GREE TELCON 2/18/87

1. BU HAS REQUESTED AN AMENDMENT TO ITS TRAINING GRANT "TO PROVIDE A 1-WEEK INTENSIVE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR BONA FIDE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE INFORMATION COMMITTEES OF THE AFGHAN ALLIANCE, INFORMATION GROUPS AND NEWS SERVICES. THIS PROGRAM IS INTENDED ONLY FOR REPRESENTATIVES CURRENTLY BASED IN THE UNITED STATES." THE COURSE IS PLANNED FOR MARCH OR APRIL 1987.

2. IN THE PROPOSAL, BU INDICATES THAT IT HAS REVIEWED THE MATERIAL NOW BEING ISSUED BY THE INFORMATION GROUPS, COMMITTEES, ETC., AND FEELS IN GENERAL THAT THEY COULD BENEFIT FROM A TRAINING PROGRAM EMPHASIZING MORE ADVANCED SKILLS IN WRITING, EDITING, PUBLICATION, PRODUCTION AND GRAPHICS. IN THIS SHORT COURSE, BU PLANS TO OFFER EXPOSURE TO VIDEO, EDITING, PHOTOGRAPHY, AND PUBLIC RELATIONS TECHNIQUES. BU IS ALSO OF THE OPINION, AND WE AND NEA CONCUR, THAT SUCH AN INTENSIVE PROGRAM WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE MEDIA PROJECT BY HELPING TO IMPROVE THE FLOW OF EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION BY AFGHANS. SINCE THERE ARE NOW A NUMBER OF GROUPS WITH REPRESENTATIVES IN THE U.S. P/DN IS AWARE OF HIZB-E-ISLAMI, HARAKAT, AND JAHAT-E-ISLAMI BU FEELS IT APPROPRIATE TO EXERT ITS EFFORTS ON THEIR BEHALF TO ASSIST THEM IN ACQUIRING SOME ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS.

3. P/DN IS AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING AFGHAN REPRESENTATIVES IN THE US: JAHAT ISLAMI - ESHAN JAN AREEF (WASHINGTON, D.C.); HARAKAT - R. NABI SALEHI (ANNANDALE, VA.); HIZB-E-ISLAMI - A. QADIR QNY. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE HIFA REPRESENTATIVE (IL. GRAM) RETURNED TO PESHAWAR AND THAT ITIHAD-E-ISLAMI (SAYYAF) MAY HAVE SOMEONE IN THE US. P/DN WOULD APPRECIATE THE NAMES, ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF ANY ADDITIONAL AFGHAN INFORMATION GROUP OR COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES HERE THAT THE POST MAY BE AWARE OF TO PASS ON TO BU PROJECT PERSONNEL.

4. THE BU PROPOSAL PROVIDES FOR A FIVE-DAY TRAINING PROGRAM FOR A MAXIMUM OF EIGHT TRAINEES AT THE COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATIONS (COM) IN BOSTON. COM FACULTY AND STAFF WILL PROVIDE A PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION SUITED TO THE NEEDS OF THE PARTICIPANTS.

5. BU ALSO SUGGESTS FOR THE FUTURE, THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO HAVING SOME SELECTED AFGHAN INFORMATION REPRESENTATIVES PARTICIPATE IN ITS PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS INSTITUTE IN JULY 1987. BU FEELS THAT THE INSTITUTE OFFERS AN EXCELLENT PROGRAM FOR INTRODUCING PARTICIPANTS TO THE

FIELD OF COMMUNICATION. INFORMATION RECEIVED ON THIS PROGRAM WILL BE SENT TO THE POST UNDER SEPARATE COVER. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF THE POST COULD COMMENT ON THE TUTORIAL COURSE NOW BEING PROPOSED AS WELL AS THE PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS INSTITUTE, WHEN INFORMATION ON THAT PROGRAM IS RECEIVED. 6. PLEASE PASS THE SUBSTANCE OF THIS MESSAGE TO NICK HILLS SO THAT HE MAY OFFER THE TUTORIAL PROGRAM TO ALL AFGHAN INFORMATION COMMITTEES, GROUPS, AND NEWS SERVICES IN PESHAWAR, EMPHASIZING THAT THIS SHORT COURSE IS ONLY OPEN TO CURRENT REPRESENTATIVES IN THE U.S. AT A LATER DATE, WHEN FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE, AFGHAN REPRESENTATIVES FROM PAKISTAN CAN BE CONSIDERED FOR U.S.-BASED TRAINING AT BU. BU WILL GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO PARTICIPANTS WHO ARE TEMPORARILY IN THE U.S. AND WHO ARE ENGAGED IN WORKING LARGELY ON GLOBAL SUPPORT FOR AFGHANISTAN, RATHER THAN TRAINING PERSONS WHO ARE PERMANENTLY HERE SEEKING TO INFLUENCE ONLY AMERICANS. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF THE POST COULD PROVIDE LIAISON ASSISTANCE TO BU PESHAWAR PERSONNEL IN CONTACTING THE AFGHAN INFORMATION GROUPS AND COMMITTEES. FYI, THE CURRENT BU PROPOSAL IS ESTIMATED TO COST APPROXIMATELY DOLLARS 3-4 THOUSAND. P/DN
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